

Maverick (TH-1493)



Blueberries

- Blueberry type:** Southern Highbush.
- Released:** 2019 Selection.
- Key attributes:** Maverick is a recent selection that has been exclusively released to TopFruit as a commercial variety. This low chill, early ripening variety has large, firm, flavourful berries with good production potential. Recommended to plant in cool Western Cape regions as well as areas such as the Limpopo. Also recommended for tropical African regions.
- Chilling Required:** Very low chill, evergreen (-50h < 7.2C).
- Flowering:** Flower bud break April/May. PDF = 90 Days. Flowers later in cooler climates. It can evergreen in tropical climates. Flowers in Jan/Feb in Zambia.
- Pollinator:** Self-pollinating, bees are required at 8-10 hives per ha.





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Harvest:	Early season production: Ripens from August to November in warmer regions such as the Limpopo. Ripens four weeks later in the cooler Western Cape & KZN climate. It has an extended harvesting season. Ripens in March/April in tropical African climates such as Zambia.
Plant Vigour:	Upright to spreading with good vigorous growth. Also produces primocane fruit.
Yield:	Very good (25 - 35 ton/ha) Very heavy fruit set from the first year. Production of 2.5kg/bush in 1st year, 3.5kg/bush in 2nd year & 5+kg on mature plants. Excellent yields in Zambia as well.
Berry size:	Medium to large size fruit (1.8 – 2.4g/berry), ranging between 16-20mm.
Fruit shape:	Round
Colour:	Medium blue to light blue.
Bloom:	Very good bloom; light blue.
Picking Scar:	Small dry scar.
Firmness:	Very firm with good shelf life.
Flavour:	Crisp & sweet with good brix (13-15.5°), average acidity, very good eating with outstanding flavour.
Disease:	Resistant to rust. No Botryosphaeria spp.
Licensed countries:	South Africa, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Angola, Botswana, Kenya, Swaziland, Mozambique, Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Malawi, and Lesotho.

Ripening Schedule (Western Cape - North One Month Earlier)					
July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Northern SA	Sweet Duchess				
	Northern SA		Gladiator		
	Northern SA	Maverick			
		Miss Jackie			

